ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Office of the Director

IMPROVED MEYER LEMON IMPORT CONDITIONS

DIVISION/ PROGRAM 5

POLICY SP 04-01

Donald Butler

SIGNATURE

1/29/04

EFFECTIVE DATE

A.R.S. § 41-1091(B) Notice

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1. POLICY

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) is authorized to quarantine, treat, eradicate, destroy or reject out of state noxious weeds and crop pests and diseases, and all plants which are infested or infected with crop pests or diseases, or which are the host or carrier or the means of propagating or disseminating a crop pest or disease.

Rule R3-4-230, "Tristeza or Quick Decline of Citrus," prohibits entry of the commodity Meyer lemon, also known as Chinese or Oriental lemon, into the state of Arizona.

The selection, Improved Meyer lemon, is indexed free of Tristeza. Improved Meyer lemon may be shipped into the state of Arizona under permit in compliance with all applicable Department regulations, including rules:

R3-4-220 - Citrus Nursery Stock Pests, and

R3-4-238 - Whitefly Pests.

2. AUTHORITY

A.R.S. § 3-107(A)(1) Organizational and administrative powers and duties of the director

A.R.S. § 3-201.01 Associate director; powers and duties

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Substantive Policy Statement is effective upon signing and until supplanted by a rulemaking.